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I would be grateful if this letter and the above-mentioned paper could be circulated as an offical document of the Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in accordance with its Rules of Procedure.

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Presented by China

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